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NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD SOUTHERN LIGHTS HEARING TO BEGIN IN CALGARY MONDAY 13 AUGUST 2007

CALGARY — The National Energy Board (NEB) hearing for the Enbridge Southern Lights GP Inc. (ESL) Pipeline application will begin Monday 13 August 2007 at 8:30 am local time in the National Energy Board Hearing Room in Calgary, located on the second floor of 444 Seventh Avenue SW.

During the Calgary portion, the applicant will provide witness panels for cross examination on the project overview, economic and commercial matters. When that is completed, the NEB will then hear from the witness panel presented by the Communication Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada (CEP.) When cross-examination of that panel concludes, the Calgary portion of the Southern Lights hearing will adjourn.

The hearing will reconvene the following Monday 20 August 2007 in Regina, Saskatchewan, starting at 8:30 am local time in the Novara Ballroom at the Saskatchewan Trade & Convention Centre (Delta Regina Hotel.) This session of the hearing will be for the Standing Buffalo Dakota First Nation to cross-examine the Applicants' witness panels, and to present a witness panel. The NEB will then adjourn this hearing again.

The hearing will next reconvene on Monday 29 October 2007 in Brandon, Manitoba, starting at 8:30 am local time, at a location to be determined. This fall session in Brandon is being held to better accommodate the participation of the Manitoba Pipeline Landowners Association (MPLA) and the Saskatchewan Association of Pipeline Landowners (SAPL.) The MPLA and SAPL will cross-examine the Applicants' witness panels and present their own witness panels. The NEB will also use the Brandon portion of the Southern Lights hearing for the final arguments process.

All other hearing procedural steps are as announced in NEB Hearing Order OH-3-2007 on 17 April 2007.

The proposed Southern Lights project consists of applications for authorizations:

- to transfer Enbridge Pipelines Inc. (EPI) Line 13 to ESL, remove it from southbound crude oil service and reverse the flow to transport diluent northbound from the Canada/US border near Gretna, Manitoba to Edmonton;
- to construct a 286 kilometre light sour crude oil pipeline from Cromer, Manitoba to the Canada/US border near Gretna, Manitoba;
- to construct, modify and operate certain other related physical works and activities on EPI's Line 2; and
- with respect to certain related toll and tariff matters.

The estimated capital cost of the Canadian portion of the proposed project is $384 Million.

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The NEB is an independent federal agency that regulates parts of Canada's energy industry. Its purpose is to promote safety and security, environmental protection, and efficient energy infrastructure and markets in the Canadian public interest, within the mandate set by Parliament in the regulation of pipelines, energy development and trade.

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This news release and Hearing Order OH-3-2007 are available on the Board's Web site at www.neb-one.gc.ca under "*What's New*", and under Regulatory Documents / Oil / Enbridge Southern Lights GP Inc. (On behalf of Enbridge Southern Lights LP) / Application for Line 13 Reversal and Capacity Replacement for the Southern Lights Project.

Media representatives: please advise of your interest in attending any portion of the hearing.

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